

Inkom Fire District (Jackson Creek)-Mitigation Plan

The Inkom Fire District is located in northern Bannock County and is predominately agricultural. The District covers approximately 36 square miles and the Department protects 284 homes with a value of \$24,354,000.00.

The Inkom Fire Department is a call paid Department with 17 members including the Fire Chief. The Department responds to approximately 25 calls for service each calendar year.

The Department operates 2 light and 1 heavy wildland trucks as well as structural apparatus. The Chief indicated the trucks are in fair condition.

The Department has been fairly active with training programs. Members have completed basic fire behavior, standards for survival and basic ICS. Some members have completed the BLM Fire School.

The Chief indicated the Department has been active with prevention programs. They conduct programs in the schools and the annual 4th of July program. The Department has started the Red Zone program with approximately 50 homes completed. They have conducted controlled burns on City property for fuels reduction.

The Department has an active wildfire history with several 200+ acre fires per year. 2003 has been a very busy fire year with the most recent being the Spider Fire and responding to several other large fires to assist other Districts. The Fire Chief indicated the District has a significant amount of urban interface.

Currently, two fuels reduction projects, Indian Creek and The West Bench projects are in progress. The Chief indicated fuels reduction projects need in Rapid Creek, Marsh Creek and the Jackson Creek Subdivision.

There were several homes identified at the top of Rapid Creek and McNabb Roads that were not currently in the Fire District. The District is talking with the residents about joining the District.

Water resources currently used by the Department include the City water system, Portneuf River, and ponds on Rapid and Upper Rock Creeks.

Fire Mitigation Goals

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| • Funding for fire station additions | \$300,000.00 |
| • 1 light truck | 60,000.00 |
| • 1 heavy truck | 120,000.00 |
| • Small equipment (saws, hand tools) | 5,000.00 |
| • Wildland Fire Training | |
| • Become a Firewise Community | |
| • Complete red Zone Assessments | |
| • County Mutual Aid Agreement | |
| • County Wildland Fire Code | |
| • Portable Water Supply | |

Fire Mitigation Actions

- Fire station additions and equipment needs-work with Federal Agencies to identify funding sources. Participate in training opportunities for grant writing and work with County, State and Federal agencies to acquire needed funding.
- Work with Three Rivers RC&D and others to acquire assistance in completing the Red Zone assessment.
- Fuels Reduction-Identify specific projects and work with BLM to complete projects.
- Mutual Aid Agreement-participate with the other Fire Districts in the County to adopt a mutual aid agreement.
- Wildland Fire Code-participate with a Countywide group to draft and adopt a code.
- Portable water Supply-work with other Fire Districts to acquire and share water tenders.
- Training-promote training programs that bring together members of other Departments to train together. Work with the BLM to continue to participate in training programs available.

Inkom Fire Department

Inkom/Rapid Creek/Jackson Creek

HIGH

Past Occurrence	4
Fuel Conditions	5
Population	5
Suppression	2

Suggested Mitigation Projects-Adopt wildland interface fire code. Continue home evaluations and public workshops.

Indian Creek/Marsh Creek

HIGH

Past Occurrence	4
Fuel Conditions	5
Population	4
Suppression	2

Suggested Mitigation Projects-Adopt wildland interface fire code. Continue home evaluations and public workshops.

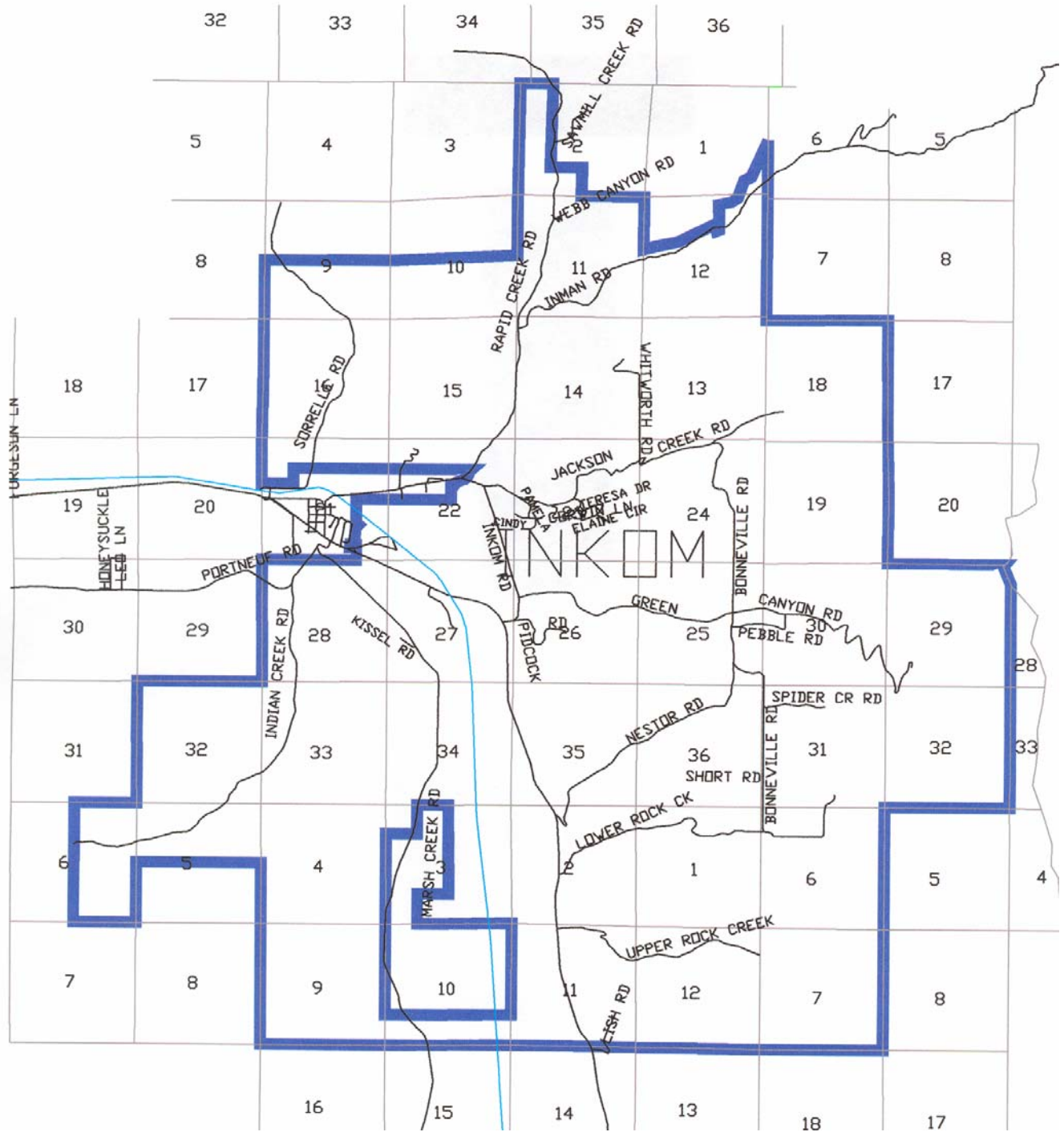
South Old Hwy 91/Crane Creek

HIGH

Past Occurrence	4
Fuel Conditions	5
Population	4
Suppression	2

Suggested Mitigation Projects-Acquire additional wildland truck. Equipment is old and needs replaced.

JACKSON CREEK FIRE DISTRICT



Assessment Overview Report
Inkom Fire District
Three Rivers Resource, Conservation and Development Area
June 2003

Profile of the District:

The Inkom Fire District is a combined municipal and fire protection district. The protection area includes a slow growing area of Southeastern Idaho including structural protection, EMS, wildland fires and HazMat support. Inkom is a bedroom community to Pocatello and the topography is varied from flat grasslands, lava flows to mountainous areas including the Pebble Creek Ski Area.

Organizational Structure

The District reports to the Mayor and Inkom City Council. There is one chief, a QRU coordinator, EMT, a fire captain, a lieutenant, two operator drivers and nine firefighters. All personnel are paid part-time, on call.

Facilities:

The District has one station with two bays. The District is in need of a new station because they lack training space, apparatus and equipment storage space.

Response Area:

The fire protection area includes agricultural, rangelands, forest, wildland urban interface, residential, business and a high risk high, pressure natural gas line and pump station. The response area includes 25 square miles.

Budget and Funding:

Actual budget figures are not available. However approximately 65% of the budget is funded through tax dollars and the remainder is funded through a contract with the Jackson Fire District.

Grants:

The Fire District has received grant funds from the State IDS and EMS, and the National Fire Plan. The District is familiar with the National Fire Plan and they do intend to continue to pursue grant opportunities.

Records Management:

A manual records management system is in place. The District is beginning the transition to a computerized system. They presently track personnel, apparatus, training and finances. The District utilizes the NIFIRS software.

Firefighting Program:

The Inkom Fire District has 14 personnel within the firefighting program that are paid on call. Fire response includes protection for structural protection, wildland fire suppression, and EMS, HazMat and rescue extrication. The District reports it responds to 15 fire calls a year and 65 EMS calls a year. The area is at high risk for wildland urban interface fires but it is unsure about its risk to terrorist attacks. Fourteen of the firefighters are trained in wildland suppression. The District does have some adequate and reliable water sources including water mains, hydrants, bodies of water and a tender shuttle system. The 10-minute place into action requirement is a capability of the District with scene size-up and initial attack.

Firefighting Program Summary of Existing Resources, Assets and Needs

Existing Resources/Assets	Needs
<ul style="list-style-type: none">● 1 Station, 2 Bays● On Call Paid Personnel● 4,200 Structural/1,250 Wildland Total GPM Capacity● Computerized Record Keeping System in Progress● Fire Response: Structural, Wildlands, EMS, HazMat & Rescue Extrication● 2 Structural/2 Wildland/Structural/2 Wildland Vehicles● 1 QRU Unit● Extrication Equipment	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● New Station (Training and Apparatus/Equipment Storage)● Updated Codes for Roadways● More Maneuverable Apparatus● Tender● Fire Pumps to New Water System● Fire/EMS Based Software● Improve Appliances for Pumpers● NFPA Manuals● Manuals & Testing Equipment for Apparatus● Wildlands Refresher Courses

Hazardous Materials Program:

The Fire District does not have a HazMat response team. The Chief would like to increase the District's minimum training to the tech level and add proper PPE and other HazMat equipment/vehicles for HazMat use.

EMS Program:

The District does provide EMS services. The District is licensed for the EMT-Basic non-transport level. It responds to approximately 63 calls annually.

EMS Summary of Existing Resources, Assets and Needs

Existing Resources/Assets	Needs
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• EMT- Basic• 1 QRU Vehicle	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Additional Personnel• Training on Recruiting Programs• Assistance with Training Costs• EMS Designed Vehicle

Training and Certification:

The District's training program includes structural protection (essentials), wildland fire suppression (firefighter Type II), and EMT (Basic).

Training and Certification Summary of Existing Resources, Assets and Needs

Existing Resources/Assets	Needs
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Structural Protection• Wildland Fire Suppression• EMT Basic• Standard Operating Procedures	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Classroom Space• Current Training Manuals, Workbook, Videos• Local, Low-cost Instruction

Communications:

Communication is dispatched through the Bannock County 911 for EMS and the South Bannock County 911 for fire. Radio communication capacity is sufficient. All of the vehicles are equipment with radios and the District does have a sufficient number of hand-held radios.

Communication Summary of Existing Resources, Assets and Needs

Existing Resources/Assets	Needs
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Responds to Remote Alarm Calls• Portable Radios• Radios in All Vehicles	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Improve Communication with Other Entities

Prevention and Inspection:

The District does have Fire Code regulation enforcement capacity. Fire cause and origin investigations are also conducted. If there is a cause or origin question, the State Fire Marshal's Office is called in for assistance with investigation.

Prevention and Inspection Summary of Existing Resources, Assets and Needs

Existing Resources/Assets	Needs
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Fire Code Enforcement• Fire Cause & Origin Investigations	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Inspection Process Training• Door-to-Door Information Handouts

Public Education:

The District does conduct public education programs for wildland fires, structural fires, home first aid and home safety. It also regularly participates in public outreach with fairs schools, fire station activities and other public events.

Public Education Summary of Existing Resources, Assets and Needs

Existing Resources/Assets	Needs
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Public Education Programs• Outreach Education• Grants for Flyers, Handouts & Presentations	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• None Identified